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EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: WMO, XA, SWEL, UNDP, NG

SUBJ: BOLLAY VISIT NIGER

REF: STATE 166481

1. WMO SECRETARIAT STATES IT NOW IMPOSSIBLE TO ARRANGE FOR BOLLAY TO SERVE AS WMO EXPERT ON MISSION TO NIGER. IN ORDER TO DO THIS IT IS NECESSARY FOR INDIVIDUAL TO HAVE SPECIAL SERVICE AGREEMENT, WHICH INCLUDES TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE MISSION AGREED WITH THE EXPERT. ALSO, WMO MUST ISSUE TRAVEL ORDERS ON THEIR BEHALF EVEN THOUGH FUNDING FOR TRAVEL NOT THEIR RESPONSIBILITY.

2. WMO SECRETARIAT REGRETS INABILITY NOW ARRANGE MISSION UNDER THEIR AEGIS AS THEY SHARE US VIEW THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENT WOULD HAVE ADVANTAGES. HOWEVER, THEY TOOK THE DECISION  
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PURELY ON THE BASIS OF CABLE RESPONSE FROM NIGER REPRESENTATIVE,

ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF WHICH IS AS FOLLOWS: IN REPLY TO YOUR TELEGRAM OF 8 AUG 1973 HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT GON WOULD PREFER NOT TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH WMO MISSION. CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN US EMBASSY AND NIGER INDICATES THAT MR. EUGENE BOLLAY, DIRECTOR OF WEATHER MODIFICATION OFFICE UNITED STATES, WOULD ARRIVE IN NIGER DURING THE WEEK OF 19 AUG. COULD HAVE CONSULTATIONS WITH EXPERT IN GENEVA AND DISCUSS SUITABLE DATES OF THE MISSION.

3. ASHFORD AND DAVEY (WMO CONSULTANT ON SAHELIAN DROUGHT) WILL TAKE PART IN OUAGADOUGOU TECHNICAL MEETING AUGUST 30-SEPT 6. THEY WILL VISIT FAO EN ROUTE, TO REVIEW COORDINATED PROGRAM FOR ASSISTANCE SAHELIAN DROUGHT COUNTRIES. ASHFORD HOPES THAT BOLLAY WILL BE ABLE ATTEND OUAGADOUGOU MEETING. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH MR. DIALLO, NIGER METEOROLOGICAL DIRECTOR ATTENDING REGIONAL ASSOCIATION AFRICA MEETING, HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT BOLLAY'S PARTICIPATION OUAGADOUGOU MEETING WOULD BE USEFUL. PERHAPS THIS POSSIBILITY COULD BE SUGGESTED TO NIGER AUTHORITIES WHO MIGHT WISH INCLUDE BOLLAY AS ADVISOR THEIR DELEGATION ATTENDING THIS MEETING. SEVERAL OF THE DIRECTORS NOW IN GENEVA ARE ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE TO TAKE PART IN THE OUAGADOUGOU.

4. RA-I SESSION HAS ADDED ITEM TO ITS AGENDA ON SUBJECT OF SAHELIAN DROUGHT. MISSION WILL REPORT RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. BASSIN

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